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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Application Number: 10/618,275
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Appellant(s): DEAN ET AL.

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For Appellant

EXAMINER'S ANSWER

This is in response to the appeal brief filed February 9, 2006 appealing from the Office action mailed July 29, 2005.

(1) Real Party in Interest

A statement identifying by name the real party in interest is contained in the brief.

(2) Related Appeals and Interferences

The examiner is not aware of any related appeals, interferences, or judicial proceedings which will directly affect or be directly affected by or have a bearing on the Board's decision in the pending appeal.

(3) Status of Claims

The statement of the status of claims contained in the brief is correct.

(4) Status of Amendments After Final

The appellant's statement of the status of amendments after final rejection contained in the brief is correct.

(5) Summary of Claimed Subject Matter

The summary of claimed subject matter contained in the brief is correct.

(6) Grounds of Rejection to be Reviewed on Appeal

The appellant's statement of the grounds of rejection to be reviewed on appeal is correct. Note that in the brief, Appellants include a statement that separately argued claims do not stand or fall together and proposes submitting a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321© if the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 1-9, 12-16, 21 and 24 over claims 1-17 of United States patent number 6,666,414 stands upon indication that the claims are allowable.

(7) Claims Appendix

The copy of the appealed claims contained in the Appendix to the brief is correct.

(8) Evidence Relied Upon

No evidence is relied upon by the examiner in the rejection of the claims under appeal.

(9) Grounds of Rejection

The following ground(s) of rejection are applicable to the appealed claims:

Claims 1-7, 10-16 and 21-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Joss et al. (US 5,823,495).

Claims 1-4, 6-9, 12, 21 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ramsdell (US 5,344,032).

(10) Response to Argument

The examiner's response to appellants' arguments will be the same response as in final action mailed 7/29/05, which is incorporated herein by reference.

The examiner respectfully submits that as per the final action, all the limitations of claims 1-7, 10-16 and 21-23 are found in the reference of Joss et al. Claims 1-7, 10-16 and 21-23 are therefore fully met by Joss et al.

The examiner also respectfully submits that as per the final action, all the limitations of claims 1-4, 6-9, 12, 21 and 24 are found in the reference of Ramsdell. Claims 1-4, 6-9, 12, 21 and 24 are therefore fully met by Ramsdell.

(11) Related Proceeding(s) Appendix

No decision rendered by a court or the Board is identified by the examiner in the Related Appeals and Interferences section of this examiner's answer.

For the above reasons, it is believed that the rejections should be sustained.



Respectfully submitted,


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